

# Riffe Building, Vernal G. Jr

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## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 The Board of Trustees officially named the building the "Vernal G. Riffe Building" on June 1, 1990. The building is named in honor of outgoing Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Vernal G. Riffe in recognition of his long support of the project and the university.

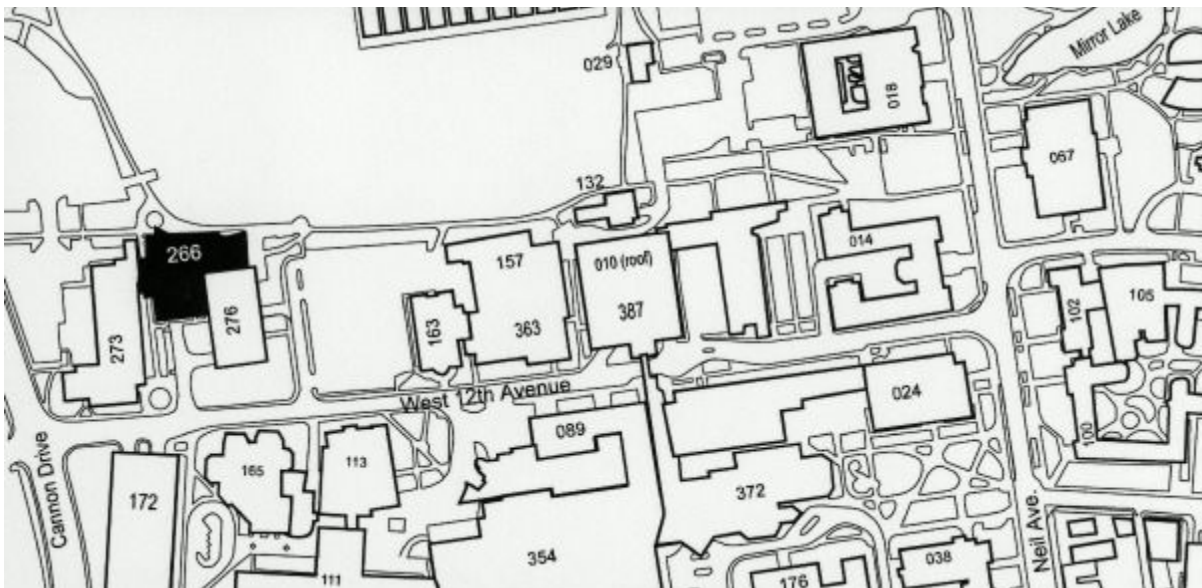
1.2 Alternate names noted:

Biological Science - Parks Hall connector building  
Bioscience/parka Hall Addition

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 496 W. 12th Ave.

2.2 The Riffe Building connects Parks Hall with the Biosciences Building.



### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Reinforced concrete frame masonry skin.

3.2 No. of stories:

Ten floors plus a basement.

3.3 Gross floor area of 130,338 sq. ft.

3.4 Contains 53 research labs for pharmacology, pharmaceutical medicinal chemistry, bio-chemistry, microbiology, and molecular genetics.

### 3.5 Connects Biological Sciences Building with Parks Hall (College of Pharmacy)

#### B. SIGNIFICANT DATES

1. The architect/engineer was approved on May 4, 1989.
2. The schematic design was approved on August 21, 1990.
3. The design development document was approved on October 15, 1991.
4. Construction document approval was on December 28, 1991.
5. Bid opening on April 30, 1992.
6. Contracts were awarded to contractors on August 7, 1992.
7. Report of award to the Board of Trustees on September 2, 1992.
6. Construction began on August 30, 1992
7. The date of completion was
8. Dedication was held on December 9, 1994.

#### C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Biological Sciences and Riffe Buildings house the offices and research laboratories for the faculty in several departments in the Colleges of Biological Sciences and Pharmacy.
2. The Biological Sciences/pharmacy Library is located on the first two floors of the Riffe Building.
3. The Riffe Building houses a state-of-the-art instrument center on the first floor housing mass spectrometers, and a series of 400, 600, and 800 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance (kMR) spectrometers.
4. Special features include an 8,300-square-foot Biochemical Instrumentation Center, constructed to accommodate large magnetic instruments needed to analyze nucleic acids and proteins and other biomacromolecules.

#### D. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

1. University associates who worked on the project include:

Project Captain: Yanscik, Ray

2. Architects: Perkins & Will, Burgess & Niple
3. On September 2, 1992 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Sherman R. Smoot Company  
Plumbing: Julian Speer Company  
HVAC: Bruner Corporation  
Electric: Buckeye Electric Company

#### E. COST

The budget for the project was \$21,667,497.

## F. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photparchives:

2. Other:

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